

GRENADINE GOWN TRIMMED WITH VELVET.

SHROVE TUESDAY.

HOW IT IS OBSERVED IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

THE PANCAKE, BELOVED OF YOUTH AND MAN, THE DISH OF DISHES FOR THE ANTE-LENTEN FEAST.

Pancakes and fritters, Say the bells of St. Peters. When must we fry 'em? Say the bells of fold Higham. In yonder land thurow, Say the bells of Wellinborough.

While the silvery tone of these "Pancake bells," which formerly, according to quaint John Taylor, the "Water Poet," made "thousands of people distracted and forgetful either of manners or humanitie," have ceased to vibrate, the custom they signalized still holds in force, and in countless Scottish and English villages Shrove Tuesday is remembered solely as the day given over to the deyouring of pancakes an libitum.

Originally deriving its name from the ancient practice in the Church of Rome, of confessing sins and being shriven, or shrove, in preparation for the solemnities of the approaching penitential season, Shrove-tide, especially Shrove Tuesday, soon fell feasting and merriment, more in accordance with the old . upercalian and Bacchanalian springtime festivals, for which it had probably been substituted by the early fathers.

It is a movable feast, occuring the Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday, and it may fall upon any day between February 2 and March 8. It is the Mard-Gras of the French, the Carnival of Italy, the Fastern-Eve of Scotland and the "Pancake Tuesday" of rural England and old literature. On this day in Northern England the rising sun is anxiously watched for. An old saying is that, "As the sun shines upon Shrove Tuesday so shall it shine every day in Lent." Just why the pancake should have been linked with the celebration of this day in English-speaking countries is a matter of conjecture, though the consensus of opinion seems to be that it is derived from one of the old Saxon names for February, which is translated the month of cakes, because in that month the pagan Saxons made an offering of cakes to the sun.

An old legend, still told in certain villages of Nottinghamshire is that at the time of the irruption of the Danes under Sweyn into that part of the untry most of the men made their escape, while the women were taken captive. These, however, entered into a conspiracy to kill their captors on Ash Wednesday, and as a certificate of good faith every woman agreed to make pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. History indeed records the massacre of the Danes on Ash Wednesday, but whether the cake episode is true or not, history does not deter-

Many are the references in literature to the cakes of Shrove Tuesday. The parishioners of "The Vicar of Wakefield" are represented as religiously eating pancakes on Shrovetide, while Shakespeare's characters make frequent reference to the oustom.

'Tis merry in hall When beards wag all And welcome merry Shrovetide,

sang maudlin Master Silence just before being car ried off to bed after a too great indulgence in "pottles of sack" with those convivial roysterers Falstaff. Shallow and Bardolph, and the clown in "As You Like it" settles the matter of fitness by declaring "as fit as a pancake for Shrove Tuesday."

CUSTOMS IN VOGUE STILL

In all parts of Ireland, Scotland and England various customs and rites pertain to the celebration of this day. In Cornwall a favorite pastime was to tie a hen to a man's back, with some horse bells beside it. People, blindfolded and with sticks in their hands, followed, guided by the sound of the bells, striving to get a stroke at the bird. Sometimes the man was hit and sometimes the contestants hit each other, but wounds were forgot when at the conclusion of this ennobling game the poor hen was boiled with bacon and added to the pancake feast.

In Scotland the favorite game of ball enjoys additional prestige on this day, and so vigorously is the sport carried on that prudent householders have learned to protect their windows with hurdles and bushes.

AMERICAN FLAPJACKS

In this country, many persons still keep up the custom of serving old-fashioned flapjacks. To ese at their best, sour milk or cream i used. The night before they are to be baked a pint of sour milk should be gradually stirred into pint of sour milk should be gradually stirred into a pint of sifted flour, beaten well together, then covered and allowed to stand where it will not freeze over night. In the morning add a half teaspoonful salt, one or two well-beaten eggs and a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little water, and again beat thoroughly. Bake this batter in large round cakes on a hot griddle. Turn when full of bubbles and bake on the other side until they stop puffing. Butter each one as it comes from the griddle, and cover with maple syrup before the next cake is put on top.

Keep them hot and have five or six cakes in a pile. In serving them, out as you would a pie. These are still more delicate if no eggs are used, but care must be taken that just the right proportion of flour is employed, or they will tear apart in the baking.

FLAGS PRESENTED TO THREE SCHOOLS.

Grammar School No. 19, in East Fourteenth-st., bear First-ave., was presented yesterday with a beautiful silken marching flag by ex-Commissioner Joseph A. Goulden, in behalf of the Memorial Committee of the G. A. R. of this city. This Memorial Committee has presented many flags to public schools. The exercises were under the supervision of Dr. Joseph F. Taylor. General Rush C. Hawkins made the presentation speech, and Master Julius School Commissioners Rogers and Kelly were present. Following the presentation and other speeches, the usual patriotic songs and recitations were given There were many visitors present, including the friends and parents of the students. Another flag was presented to the school by Kimbali Post No. 100, G. A. R. The school now has two handsome silk flags.

A flag was also presented yesterday to the students of Grammar School No. 69, No. 127 West Pitty-fourth-st., the occasion being a celebration of Washington's Birthday. The principal of the school, Andrew J. Whiteside, told Dr. Cole Carr the other day that the school was without a flag, and Dr. Carr raised the money among his friends and supplied a beautiful silk flag, mounted on an oak pole surmounted by a gilded eagle. Dr. Carr made the presentation speech, and Master J. D. Cox responded in behalf of the school. The signal corps of the school, composed of a dozen boys, received the flag and marched about the room with H. Following the speeches were patriotic recitations and songs. The schoolroom was crowded with parents of the children and their friends.

The Stars and Stripes were presented to the public of Public School No. 31, in Second-st. between Avenues C and D, by the Ladles' Auxiliary of Alexander Hamilton Post. No. 16, G. A. R. Posterday morning. The members of the Ladles' uxiliary met at the school at 3 o'clock, where they see met by the members of the Board of School insiders of the Eleventh Ward, and hy School Inthe other day that the school was without a fing.

spector Benjamin Elumenthal. Mrs. John Beaver, president of the auxiliary, made a short presentation address and School Inspector Blumenthal accepted the flag on behalf of the School Board. The flag will be draped over the centre of the platform in the assembly-room, and the ceremony of saluting it will be gone through with every morning.

THE DAY'S GOSSIP.

One of the most attractive of to-day's celebrations is the Martha Washington luncheons which will be given by several women who are members of pariotic societies in this city. The table dec-orations will be of red, white and blue, and this color scheme is to be carried out in the food as far as practicable. Among the pretiest souvenirs are the statuettes of Martha Washington.

The Young Women's Parish Aid Society of St. Michael's Protestant Episcopal Church, Amster-dam-ave., will give a dramatic entertainment to-day.

The Society for Political Study will meet at the Tuxedo, Fifty-ninth-st. and Madison-ave., at 3 o'clock this afternoon. An address on "Jefferson Davis" will be given by Miss Anna Maxwell Jones. At the next meeting, on March 1, the annual election will take place.

It is announced that Miss Mary M. Board, of Metuchen, N. J., will leave to-day in charge of an expedition bound for the gold fields of Alaska. She is of the opinion that one need not go so far as the Klondike to gather in riches. She will take her party first to Portland, Ore., or Tacoma, Wash., and thence set sail for Orea. The final settlement of her party will be about fifty miles south of Orca, and Miss Board has visions of building a town of log cabins, and she will take a portable sawmill and other machinery to aid in the enterprise. Miss Board has alread tried her hand at mining, having owned several claims in the Black Hills, S. D., and she assisted in working them herself.

"Offering Day" for the George Washington Memorial is to-day. It is proposed to raise by popular subscription a sum large enough to erect the first building. Many goodly donations have been promised by individuals and clubs, but every man, woman and child is asked to contribute, even the smallest sum.

The Kings County Political Equality Club will give a reception to-day to celebrate the fifty years f woman's progress. It will take place in the Polytechnic Institute Hall, Livingston, near Court st., Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock. There will be addresses by Mrs. Martha A. B. Conine, president of the Denver North Side Woman's Club and member of the Colorado Legislature: Mrs. Mary Towne Burt, president of New-York State W. C. T. U., and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

The members of Barnard Club will celebrate Washington's Birthday by giving a luncheon at the club from 12 m. to 2 p. m.

Miss Marion Coppernoll will give the last of her series of lecture readings this morning at Mrs. George L. Burr's, No. 151 Taylor-st. "The Novel of the Idealized Legend" is the subject, and se-lections will be read from "The Scarlet Letter" and "The House of the Seven Gables."

A Colonial ten will be given for the benefit of the missions to the Indians in the West in the chapel of Christ Church, Division-ave., near Bedford. Brooklyn, at 7 o'clock this evening. Addresses on Colonial times and customs will be delivered by many well-known people. Members of the Women's Missionary Association of Christ Church will appear attired in Colonial costumes.

It is announced that Roger Wolcott, Governor of Massachusetts, will deliver an address on "Abraham Lincoln; or, Anti-Slavery Triumphant," to-day, at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The annual entertainment of the City History Club of New-York will be given this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the Thalia Theatre.

The Young Ladies and Gentlemen's League of Monteflore Home, One-hundred-and-thirty-eighth-st and the Boulevard, will celebrate its fourth anniversary by a reception this evening.

The State Society of Daughters of the Revolution will give a reception from 2 until 6 o'clock this afternoon at Delmonico's, Forty-fourth-st. and Fifth-ave., to celebrate Washington's Birthday.

The American Association of Allied Arts held its monthly meeting at the Nevada, Boulevard and West Seventieth-st., yesterday. An exhibition of members' work was given and a paper on art was

An interesting lecture was delivered by Mrs. Mary Proctor last evening at Public School No. 14, on "Stars of the Sun and Planets." This lecture was given under the auspices of the Bourd Education and was the first of three lectures Mrs. Proctor on astronomy.

The annual reception of the managers of the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society of New-York Orphan Asylum will take place this afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock, at the asylum, Eleventh-ave., Grand Boulevard and West One-hundred-and-fiftieth-st.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon there will be a re view of the Baptist Boys' Brigade at the 9th Regiment Armory, Fortieth-st., near Sixth-ave. A silver cup will be offered as a prize in the competitive drill.

The women of the First Reformed Church, Bedford-ave, and Clymer-st., Brooklyn, will serve a Martha Washington dinner in their chapel this evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. A. P. Duryea will pre-side, and several of the members are expected to respond to appropriate toasts.

The Ever Ready Circle of King's Daughters and Sons of the Central Baptist Church, Brooklyn, will give a "Martha Washington social" this evening, and a happy hour is promised. A peanut hunt, music and refreshments are a few of the features.

A basket-ball team has been formed by the young women of the Reformed church, Bushwick-ave, and Himrod-st., Brooklyn, and as the girls of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society wanted excel in athletic sports as well as their siste they too joined by organizing a basket and fo ball team. Now they say they will outdo t boys at their favorite games.

Miss May Bulkley, of the "First Born," now with Henry Miller's company, has joined the Profes-sional Woman's League.

The Shakespeariana will meet this evening for the continued study of Antony and Cleopatra, at the studio of Carrol Brown, in the Van Dyke Building, Eighth-ave, and Fifty-sixth-st.

Mrs. Edwin Gould and Mrs. George Shrady joined the Ladles' Auxiliary to the Harlem dispensary at a meeting held yesterday at No. 105 East One-hundred-and-twenty-eighth-st.

The completion of fifty years of woman's work will be celebrated this evening by a reception held at the Polytechnic Institute, Brooklyn, when addresses will be made by Mrs. Mary Towne Burt, dresses will be made by Mrs. Mary Towne Burt, president of the New-York State Woman's Christian Temperance Union; Mrs. Martha A. B. Connier, president of the Denver North Side Woman's Club, and ex-Mayor Charles A. Schleren. Miss Anderson, the soloist of Plymouth Church, will sing, accompanied by Mrs. C. A. Mundy.

Dr. E. R. Miller will speak on "Habits of Health and Diet" at the meeting this evening of Vegetarian Society, at No. 98 Fifth-ave. Dr. M. L. Holbrook will also make an address.

At the First Reformed Episcopal Church, Madison-ave, and Fifty-fifth-st., the thirteenth annual onvention and young people's conference will be neid to-day. About two nundred delegates will be present. The rector, the Rev. Dr. W. T. Sabine, will make the address of welcome, and Miss M. Elizabeth Booth will read a paper on "Young People's Opportunities for Christian Work." At the afternoon session Mrs. Maud Van Buskirk, of Newburg, will read, and there will be a conference on "Possibilities."

WOMEN AND BICYCLE DAY. THEY MOURN MISS WILLARD.

GOOD ADVICE FOR OLD AS WELL AS FROM FAR AND NEAR SORROWING HEARTS SEND MESSAGES OF LOVE. FOR NEW RIDERS.

FACTS AND FANCIES FROM FAR AND NEAR ABOUT THE SPORT NEW-YORK IS

REVIEWING TO-DAY. Wheelwomen are now thoroughly enthusiastic, and Bicycle Day has come. To-day will be celebrated hundreds of fair riders throughout New-York City. The men must not have it all their own way, women said, and pretty suits were purchased that will be admired by all lovers of the beautiful and that are sure to harmonize with the natty costumes of the athletic escort. Some riders are wondering what the immortal Father of his Country would say could be review the parade as a part of his birthday celebration, but it is safe to assume that he would be sure to declare, with all lovers of truth, that it was an inspiring and beautiful successful observance of this day as a birthday of Washington will be likely to make it a permanent bicycle one, and women will have a large share in its success.

There has been a rush for new wheels by ardent converts during the last few days, and it is pre-dicted that to-day's celebration will add to the number of "wheelers." To these, as well as to others who contemplate learning to ride, the advice of a successful and fearless cyclist is commended. She says for one thing: "There is no place like the street for learning to ride. I learned how to handle the clusive rubber steed in four lessons-of course, with a teacher-while friends of mine, afraid of the outdoors, came out of the riding school timid and unable to mount after twelve afternoons of instruction. They shivered if a cat appeared before them and almost dropped off if a crack of a whip sounded behind. The sight of a man was a new terror; the window of every house contained an imaginary peeper, and a little joiting set their teeth on an immediate edge. Too long a stay in a school makes s woman timid of riding in the open air, so I would personally advise that every prospective purchaser of a wheel should go as soon as possible on the street. Select a quiet one, asphalt paved, I would say, and have a quick, strong teacher, who will look after the interests of the wobbler, but who will not save it from every little joit. Learn first how to mount and dismount, because these two are really the alpha and omega of bloycle riding; and the woman who knows how to mount will know how to every danger. The handle-bars must be held lightly but firmly, and the unsteady gait of the primary pupil's wheel will disappear after a few lessons.

Timidity produced by a fall will never be cured except by persister; riding. There is little or no danger in wheeling if the rider is careful and observes the rules of the road, and though there will be a little frightened feeling, added to a tired back at first, the exhilarating delights of cycling will n make the rider forget all about it.

"Of course, there are women who ought never to ride, but there are also thousands who certainly should, for the reddening of their cheeks and the restoration of their nervous energy. Cold feet and hands flee before pedals and handle-bars, and I know many who were invalids and have been cured of nervous diseases by persistent riding. And where shall the enthusiastic wheelwoman

ride?" adds this champion of cycling. "Where, but in the country, of course. Away from trucks and cars and the close city atmosphere she must get to really enjoy her wheel. Twenty-five minutes will suffice to get away from brick and mortar, and who can picture the delight and conceit of a charm-ing girl as she spins through the smiling countryside with an admirer or chosen chum, and knows that she is temporary monarch of all she surveys If the unwelcome 'szzz' of a broken tire offends her ear, she will, if she is wise, find some mending paste in her toolbag, repair the break, and ride back slowly to town, having the additional joy of being clever enough to repair the 'delight of her

A club woman who rides so well that her friends consider her an authority on all matters pertaining to the bicycle has a good deal to say about how to learn to ride, and how not to. woman who is able to walk ought to ride." says, "and they should have pluck enough not to get discouraged after the first unsuccessful attempt. The reason a beginner is so tired after the first lesson is because the muscles little used are called to do much unaccustomed work, but the fatigue will pass off, and, as the lessons are repeated, will disappear entirely, leaving her with a stronger and better developed body than she had ever possessed.

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"I have a few rules that I consider invaluable," she added. "The first one is: When learning attend to your bleycle, and study it only, and do avoid the common mistake among novices that, because a wheel leans, you must lean the other way to balance it, it will not fall, and if you are sensible you will lean with the inclination and bowl along comfortably. The body should be as much a part of the machine as possible, and should incline with the rear wheel, which is the one that supports the rider's entire weight. The front wheel is used for balancing and steering.

"My third rule is that beginners should avoid the city as much as possible, and get out into the open country roads, where there are scarcely any obstructions, and where, in consequence, the rider may give her entire attention to her machine. Wobbling will gradually disappear, when one keeps note of the point of direction, and it is only practice that produces a good as well as a fearless rider.

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"It is a common mistake of learners to mount on an up grade and become tired out before they commence the trip. The right thing to do, in order to save needed strength, is to mount on a down grade, pedal a little while, and then turn, when the speed that has been acquired will make riding easy.

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"An important thing to remember is that a full meal ought not to be eaten just before starting; not for an hour previous should any great amount of food be taken into the stomach. Ice cream and iced soda are positively dangerous Loose, comfortable clothing should be worn, so that breathing will not be difficult.

"Beginners are often discouraged when they are not able to propel the wheel, and there seems to be nothing new to learn, yet they have a feeling of insecurity and dissatisfaction. Practice is the only advice here, and if it is followed faithfully, it will result in turning out an expert wheelwoman, who will tell everybody she knows that 'riding the bicycle is the true exercise.' The rule of the road, 'keep to the right, pass on the left anything going in the same direction,' if observed, will render accidents almost impossible, and if a woman is observant, she will learn something at each new ride that will teach her more than volumes of advice can.

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PRETTY PATRIOTIC LUNCHEONS.

SUGGESTIONS FOR WASHINGTON BIRTH-DAY FETES AND FEASTS.

For a Washington's Birthday luncheon yellow and white, the Colonial colors, should be chosen, both in decorations and as far as possible in The scheme of decoration is charming, as planned by a smart society woman, who gives a luncheon in honor of her country's father.

Large yellow and white roses are the pieces de resistance for the ornamental part of the feast. These are pulled apart, petal by petal, with great care, and then arranged in rosettes all over the white cloth to imitate some pattern in embroidery. The design is rather elaborate, and to accentrate it a green vine is twined around the edges after the manner of embroidery patterns, thus clearly setting it forth. The bonbon dishes and vases, few in number and low, are placed here and there, where a space needs filling, and the effect is pretty.

The souvenirs are miniature silver hatchets, to which are tied bunches of cherries with yellow and white ribbon; the cherries are the large ox-hearts, which are nearly white, while being just touched with red. These, of course, are artificial, they look as natural as life, and are exactly the same size. Bonbon boxes, filed with candled cherries, with a bunch of cherries tied to the cover of the box, may take the place of the hatchets, if more easily procured by the hostess, who would like to go and do likewise.

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People's Opportunities for Christian Work." At the afternoon session Mrs. Mand Van Buskirk, of Newburg, will read, and there will be a conference on "Possibilities."

At the sewing class to be held this morning at the home of Mrs. H. P. Whitney, No. 2 West Fifty-seventh-st., Signor C. Tsgliapletra, the barytone, will sing among other selections "The Palms," which he was the first to introduce and to sing in this country.

A little boy, five years old, too tired for anything but sleep, refused one night to say his prayers. His uncle, who was present, said:

"Oh, Harry, would you go to sleep without asking God to take care of you during the night?"

The little fellow answered: "I didn't say 'em last night; I ain't goin' to say 'em to-night, and then if nothin' don't set me, I ain't goin' to say 'em no more."—(Argonaut.

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In regard to the more substantial part of the feast, the viands, aspic jelly is a good friend to fall back on; it is easily colored yellow and then cut in fanciful forms as a garnish for any dish. Take half an ounce of saffron, two ounces of alcohol and four of water, let the mixture stand for several days, when a few drops can be used for coloring yellow.

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Many flowers and messages of sympathy were received yesterday at the Hotel Empire by the friends of Miss Frances E. Willard, and there were also many callers. Among the flowers were roses from Dr. Cordella Green, of Catskill, N. Y., who was Miss Willard's physician last winter, and Miss Cornelia Dow, a daughter of Neal Dow. A letter of condolence came from Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller and Colonel George N. Bain, of Kentucky, and John G. Woolley, of Chicago, called. Colonel Bain addressed a large audience in Massachusetts on Sunday evening, and when he men-tioned Miss Willard's name a wave of emotion swept over the assembly, and many broke down completely.

Thursday from 10 a. m. until 2, during which time Miss Willard's body will be lying in state at Willard Hall. This interval includes the Woman's Christian Temperance Union hour of prayer, 12 o'clock, which Miss Willard instituted. All the public schools in Chicago will be closed on Thurs

Miss Willard's body lay yesterday at the her niece, Mrs. Woodward M. Baldwin, No. 85 Clinton Place. It was surrounded by floral offerings, and the coffin was covered with the white slik flag that draped it at the funeral. The body was taken to Chicago last night by a special train, which left this city at 9 o'clock. Many of the flowers were sent with it, and will surround it on Thursday at the Temple.

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Miss Williard not only gave her life, but her life's savings to the cause she so dearly loved. Her estate was not a large one; amounting entirely to only \$20,000\$, \$3,000 of which was the recent slit of the women of America to her, but she left it all to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. If the union refuses to take it, it will be divided between her secretary and friend, Miss Anna A. Gordon, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Mary B. Willard, who is living in Germany. At their deaths the estate will revert to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Willard's friends are now recalling the fact that in her young womanhood she said:

"I do not wish to go to heaven like a peasant to a palace, but like a child to its father's home." One of the first telegrams received by Miss Willard's friends after her death was the following:

"The world is poorer and there will be mourning in all the land, while heaven is richer for the departure of our beloved Miss Willard. From the depths of my own grief for this great loss I send to you who were nearest her, her beloved Anna, to Mrs. Baldwin and to Mrs. Stevens my heartfelt sympathy.

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Willard will reach Chicago about 8 a. m. Wednes day from New-York, over the Lake Shore Railroad. The coffin will be taken to Willard Hall, in the Temple Building, and the body will lie in state there until late in the afternoon, when it will be taken to Evanston. The funeral services will be held at the First Methodist Church, Evanston

heid at the First Methodist Church, Evanston, Thursday, at 11 a, m. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Frank M. Bristol.

Telegrams were received to-day from Ladv Henry Somerset to have palms and white roses laid on the casket in her name. The Manitoba Union telegraphed that lilles and wheat be given in its name. The interment will be private. The body will be taken to Rose Hill and placed in a receiving vault until a suitable site can be selected for the permanent interment.

FUNDS FOR THE NEW ZOO.

THE SOCIETY HAS RAISED THE FIRST \$100,000 IN TIME TO SECURE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK-\$150,000 MORE NEEDED.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the New-York Zoological Society, held at the home of ex-Governor Morton, president of the society, it was announced that the subscriptions to the fund for the buildings to be erected in the Zoological Park now amount to \$103,550. Nearly al of this sum has been paid into the treasury, and the remainder will be received within a few days. According to the terms of the agreement between the society and the city, as effected last year with the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the society is under obligation to raise \$250,000 for building and collections, of which sum \$100,000 must be in the society's treasury on or before March 24, 1898. and it was agreed that the society could not take possession of the site until that amount had been

The Park Department will begin early in the spring to make the ground improvements author-ized last year that are necessary to prepare the park for the costly buildings to be erected by the

The society's agreement with the city provides that immediately upon their completion all the buildings erected by it shall become the property of the city. This is a new departure, all the buildings of the Botanical Gardens, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Natural History having been erected by the city, the societies filling them with collections. The Zoological Society undertakes to provide the Ecollections for the Zoological Park, and to provide the buildings which are to accommodate them. The city undertakes to expend \$125,000 in preparing the ground for the buildings, and furnishing sewerage, water, walks, roads and fences. At the lowest estimate, the society requires \$150,000 more for expenditure this year.

The following is a complete list of the special subscriptions to the building fund of the society. In order to further the general objects of the society a large number of persons have become life members, and the fees paid by them have been credited to the general fund, which now amounts to \$5,000.

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Percy R. Pyne....
Wm. K. Vanderbilt.
Lavi P. Morten.
William E. Dodge.
Robert Goelet

1,000 Total\$108,850 SOROSIS GIVES A MUSICAL.

There was a change in the programme of the Musical Committee of Sorosis at the Waldorf-Astoria yesterday afternoon, and, in place of nusical devoted to the interpretation of the Ameri can composers, a lecture reading on Thomas Bailey Aldrich was given by Miss Kathryn Leavet Bissell, interspersed with musical interludes. Miss Bissell, in reading from "The Queen of Sheba," which she considers the most poetical of all his books, related an amusing incident of the poet's boyhood. In rummaging in the garret one day he unearthed an ancient hair trunk containing varous forgotten, but to him precious, treasures. The trunk itself was bald in many places, but, passing a barber's one day, the happy thought struck him that the widely advertised hair restorer in the window might work wonders with his trunk. He bought a bottle, took it home, and applied it, but he never believed in patent medicine after that.

Mrs. Clara A. Korn, the composer, was present, and played a polonaise which she had dedicated to Joseffy and an impromptu dedicated to Mrs. Theodore F. Sutro. Both of these numbers were received with great enthusiasm by the audience. An interesting fact in connection with the impromptu was that it was inspired by hearing Mrs. Sutro play in a school fifteen years ago, when she declared that if she ever composed anything, it should be dedicated to Mrs. Sutro. Mrs. Antoinette Belle Taylor sang with much acceptance. Election of officers will be held next week, and the new officers will take their places in time for the annual breakfast. trunk itself was bald in many places, but, passing

P. W. L. DRAMA DAY.

It was Drama Day yesterday at the Professional Woman's League, No. 1,500 Broadway, and there was a large attendance, despite the rain. The programme was a most attractive one. A brief introduction by the chairman, Mrs. Emma

Sheridan Fry. was followed by a ten-minute paper on "Define Dramatic," by Miss Cora Maynard. on "Define Dramatic," by Miss Cora Maynard. Two songs in costume were given by Mrs. Percy Haswell Fawcett and Mrs. Salile Williams Riegel, with Miss Connelly as accompanist.

A monologue, "Cinderella at the Telephone," by Mrs. E. G. Sutherland, with Miss Minnle Dupree as Cinderella, was enthusiastically received, the only criticism being that "it was too short."

At the close of the presentation, there were calls for Mrs. Sutherland, who was greeted with hearty applause.

applause.

Mrs. W. G. Jones has just presented the League with a picture of Laura Keene. The annual reception of the League will be held next Monday at the Waldorf-Astoria, at 2:30 o'clock.

BATTLES OF OUR NATION. Last evening the "Battles of Our Nation" opened

Last evening again in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, this again in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, this time for the benefit of the building fund of the Memorial Hospital. In addition to the great popumemorial hospital. In addition to the great popularity of the presentation, which for two weeks packed the Academy and sent hundreds away disappointed because they could not gain admittance, object for which the "Battles of Our Nation" repeated, commends itself to every one. Memorial Hospital is doing a great work for Brook-lyn women, and the completion of its building means increased facilities of doing good.

Two performances will be given a day. General admission in the evening will be 50 cents and 25 cents

for matinees. Children under fourteen years will be admitted to the family circle for a dime, except on Washington's Birthday, when 25 cents will be charged for the seats. The afternoon performance will begin at 2:30 o'clock, and the evening at 2:30 o'clock, and the evening



Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it whe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears—

Mrs. Angelica T. Houghton, a T. S. S. member re siding in Washington, D. C., has been seriously ill with erysipelas, but is now improving, and has ex-pressed real pleasure at receiving a T. S. S. valen-tine. Mrs. Houghton is eighty-six years old.

SCATTER SUNSHINE. In a world where sorrow
Ever will be known.
Where are found the needy
And the sad and lone;
How much joy and comfort
You can all bestow,
If you scatter sunshine
Everywhere you go.

Slightest actions often
Meet the sorest needs.
For the world wants daily
Little kindly deeds;
Oh, what care and sorrow
You may help remove
With your songs and courage,
Sympathy and love.

When the days are gloomy, Sing some happy song; Meet the world's replining With a courage strong; Go with faith undaunted Through the ills of life; Scatter smiles and sunshine Scatter smiles and sun. O'er its toil and strife. CHORUS.

Scatter sunshine
All along your way,
Cheer and bless and brighten
Every passing day,
Every passing day,
Unexa Wilson -(Lanta Wilson Smith.

From Mrs. E. P. Needham.

The following Biblical enigma has been sent by Miss E. W. Brown, with the expressed hope that It may help to fill a weary hour for some "shut-in." The answer will be published on or near Febru-

A BIBLICAL ENIGMA. Who with twelve yoke of oxen ploughed?
Who climbed a tree, when in a crowd?
Who to save her country, plead?
What city taken, a wife to wed?
Whose son did savory meat provide?
Who walked with God, and never died?
Who did his son-in-law deceive?
And make him many days to grieve?

The enigma with one word transposed, sent by a "T. S. S. Member," cannot be published unless the

That's her picture, hanging there, Smooth of brow, divinely fair; Think you I would ever care To love another? When I'm cross, her smile is sunny; When I'm blue, her words are honey, Marry her? old chap, how funny! She's my mother.

Clipped from an old magazine by M. D. M.

President-General of the T. S. S.: I have seen in the Sunshine Column extracts from the beath in the Sunshine Column extracts from the beautiful poems written by May Riley Smith, such as "Scatter Seeds of Kindness," and "Sometime," which is often quoted in our pulpits. Mrs. Smith is a resident of New-York City E. V. R., Mamaroneck, N. Y.

READINGS BY MRS. GIELOW.

SHE WHO WAS "BORN TO WIDOWHOOD" IN-TERPRETED IN HER OWN DIALECT.

The first reading in Mrs. Henry J. Gielow's course for Monday mornings during Lent was given at the Astoria yesterday morning before an interested au-dience. Mrs. Gielow is a daughter of the South, her native State being Alabama, where she learned to native State being Alabama, where she learned to understand the negro character, imitate his accent and interpret the writings of her countrymer who have made the Afro-American an interesting charcter to every one.

Mrs. Gielow read yesterday morning, instead of reciting, as is her usual custom, her selections be-ng from Ruth McEnery Stuart's writings. Before ginning the reading Mrs. Glelow made a few in beginning the reading Mrs. Gielow made a few in-troductory remarks, in which she said that she of-fered herself as an humble imitator of Mrs. Stuart in the interpretation of these characters; that she did not know whether or not Mrs. Stuart carries a rabbit's foot, but she did know that her fascination was such as to draw her audiences with her to the extent that on one occasion during the reading of 'Maria's Mowing' many of those present were seized with hysterics. another reading less sym

Mrs. Glelow mentioned another reading less sym-pathetically received, and the reader, not having been able to force a smile from the listeners, left the hall much discouraged. At the door one of the audience was heard to remark. "Never tried so hard not to laugh in all my life, but I had to keep my manners."

not to laugh in all my life, but I had to keep my manners.

The first selection yesterday was from the "Widow Johnson" and the fourth courtship of the woman who was "just born to widowhood" was given to the amusement of every one.

In the afternoon Mrs. Gielow gave a second recital at a luncheon party, in the home of Mrs. Jules Reynal, in Madison-ave., when she recited several of her own original stories, monologues, poems and cradle songs.

A course of readings will be given during the spring by Mrs. Gielow for the New-York City Board of Education on the different industries of the Southern States and on "Illustrated Story Telling for Children."

The next reading of the Astoria course will be on for Children.".

The next reading of the Astoria course will be on February 28 from the works of Joel Chandler Harris, with the addition, if time permits, of an original monologue or plantation story.

AN OLD COUPLE DIE TOGETHER.

THEY COMMIT SUICIDE WITH GAS BECAUSE

BUSINESS IS POOR. Jacob Dillenberg, aged sixty-one years, and his wife, seventy-three years old, were found dead with their arms locked around each other on the floor of their room, on the ground floor of No. 121 Chrys-

of their room, on the ground floor of No. 121 Chrystie-st, yesterday morning. It was evident from the appearance of the room, the open gas jets and the cracks and crevices stuffed with rags, that the old couple had committed sucide.

Max Rum, a tenant of the building, detected a strong odor of gas and traced it to the rooms of the Dilienbergs. He informed Policeman Herman Wolf, of the Eldridge-st. station, who broke in the front door of the little plumbing shop kept by Dilienberg. In a room off the plumbing shop kept by Dilienbergs. On the floor theold couplelay dead, locked in each others' arms. Gas was streaming from two jets in the plumbing shop.

The neighbors say that Dillenberg and his wife The neighbors say that Dillenberg and his wife had lived in the place for fifteen years. For the last year or so business has been very bad and Dillenberg has been very feeble and unable to do work when he got it. Edward Jones, a young man who was employed by Dillenberg, stated that Mrs. Dillenberg told him three months ago that if business did not pick up they were going to commit suicide. There were no letters or anything to indicate that they intended to communicate with any one. The only known relative of Dillenberg is a brother-in-law, who is a tailor in Red Bank, N. J.

A COLUMBIA CLERK ARRESTED.

A YOUNG WOMAN CHARGES HIM WITH THREAT-

Ernest Lott, twenty-three years old, of South Lake-st., Gravesend, a clerk in the office of Presi-dent Low of Columbia University, was arrested at the Manhattan entrance to the Bridge yesterday. A pretty young woman charged that he wanted to kill himself with a revolver he had. He was taken to the Centre Street Court.

Policeman Mitchell, of the Bridge police, Lott trying to break away from the young woman at the Bridge entrance. A crowd was watching them when the policeman came up. The woman, who said that she was Millie Tyler, of No. 345 West Thirty-fourth-st, said that the man had a revolver, and that he wanted to kill himself. Mitchell searched Lott and found a revolver, with out any cartridges. No cartridges were to be found in the man's possession. Lott had been drinking, and the woman charged that he was insane and would kill himself. The officer took both to Court.

The woman told Magistrate Simms that Lott had tried twice to commit suicide. She said that his mother and sisters had twice taken loaded remother and sisters had twice taken loaded revolvers from him a week ago Sunday, and she said that his brothers could do nothing with him at all. She had a letter in which Lott wrote that all his papers could be found at Columbia University. He apologized in the letter for dying at such a busy time but stated that he could no longer stand living.

Lott said that the woman had been following him, and that he tried to get away from her when she had him arrested.

The woman wanted to make a charge of insanity against Lott, but Magistrate Simms said that the man was not insane, and he made a charge of carrying concealed weapons. Lot was fined a.

A. EMERSON PALMER SECRETARY. The Board of Education of the City of New-York, which comprises delegates from the borough school boards, met at noon yesterday to organize. The Board is made up as follows:

Manhattan-Bronx — JOHN G. AGAR, E. EL-LERY ANDERSON, OTTO T. BANNARD, JOHN E. EUSTIS, WILLIAM GREENOUGH, CHARLES BULK-LEY HUBBELL, HUGH KELLY, JACOB W. MACK, NATHANIEL A. PRENTISS, HENRY A. ROGERS,

HENRY W TAPT.

Brooklyn-ELWARD L. COLLIER, H. E. DRESSER, JOHN M'NAMEE, HENRY W. MAXWELLA S.

EDWARD SWANSTROM, JOHN R. THOMPSON. Queens-G. HOWLAND LEAVITT. Richmond-FRANK PERLET.

Mr. Leavitt, of Queens, was chosen temporary president, and Mr. Mack, of Manhattan-Bronz, temporary secretary. Then the election of a per-manent president was proceeded with. Mr. Agar, of Manhattan-Bronx, nominated Mr. Hubbell, of Machattan. There were no other candidates, and Mr. Hubbell was unanimously elected.

The new president made a few remarks in taking the chair. He said he fully appreciated the honor conferred upon him, and returned sincere thanks for it. He said he realized the responsibility that was conferred upon the Board in caring for over three hundred thousand children, "whose future," he added, "will be shaped by the opportunities we shall make for them. We are now in charge, in a modified sense, of the largest public school system in the world, and we will strive to make it the

A Emerson Palmer, of No. 615 Putnam-ave Brooklyn, was elected secretary. His salary was

fixed at \$4,000 a year. C. B. J. Snyder was elected Superintendent of School Buildings at a salary of \$8,000 a year. Mr. Snyder has been Superintendent of Schools in the old city of New-York for some years. He received an increase of \$500 a year over his previous salary. The election of Superintendent of Supplies and City Superintendent of Schools, as well as needed clerks, was deferred. President Hubbell appointed a committee of five to consider nominations for Superintendent of Supplies and required cierks. This committee consists of Messrs. Mack, Kelly, Eustis, Swanstrom and Maxwell. Mr. Mack is chairman. It was also ordered that this committee should provide quarters for the City Superintendent

of Schools when elected.

Two letters were received from the Controller's office relative to two bills in the Legislature, con-cerning the licensing of teachers and the making of yearly contracts with teachers in Queens and Richmond. The communications were referred to the Committee on School System, when appointed and also referred to the Borough School Boards. Mr. Swanstrom, of Brooklyn, was elected vice

president of the Board. After transacting a few minor details of routin business, an adjournment was taken until March 7, at 4 p. m.

ediately after adjournment of the Central Board meetings were held of the trustees of the Normal College and the College of the City of New-York. Mr. Hubbell was elected chairman of both boards, and Mr. Palmer secretary. The latter, as secretary of the two Boards of Trustees, will receive an annual salary of \$1,000.

President Hubbell appointed the following Execu tive Committee of the two boards: College of City of New-York-HORACE E. DRESSER, Chairman: OTTO T. BANNARD, EDWARD L. COLLIER, JOHN E. EUSTIS, HUGH KELLY, G. HOWLAND LEAVITT, FRANK PERLET, HENRY W. TAFT, and

President WEBB, of the college.

Normal College—JACOB W. MACK, Chairman; JOHN G. AGAR, WILLIAM GREENOUGH, JOHN M'NAMES, N. A. PRENTISS, HENRY A. ROGERS, J. EDWARD SWANSTROM, JOHN R. THOMPSON, and President Mr. Dresser is a graduate of the College of the

City of New-York. Hence the courtesy of making him chairman of the Executive Committee. him chairman of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Palmer, the secretary of the Board, is about forty-five years old. His education was acquired at the Hudson River Institute, at Claverack, N. Y. and at Wesleyan University, in Middletown, Conn. He is a member of the Alpha Delia Phi and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. Mr. Palmer has for years taken an active interest in educational matters. In 1894 he was secretary of Mayor Schieren's ters. In 1894 he was secretary of Mayor Schieren's Advisory Committee, to suggest improvements in the Brooklyn school system. He is one of the directors of the Brooklyn Free Kindergarten Society, and a trustee of the Froebel Academy in Brooklyn. Mr. Palmer has for more than twenty years been a member of the staff of The Tribune.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM REPORT. QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS-COST OF ADMINISTRATION-OVER HALF A MILLION VISITORS.

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Museum of Art was held yes-terday afternoon at the museum. Henry G. Maruand presided, and the annual election of officers resulted as follows: Henry G. Marquand, pr F. W. Rhinelander, first vice-president; Daniel Huntington, second vice-president; Hiram Hitch-cock, treasurer, and General Louis P. di Cesnola, secretary. The Executive Committee is composed of William E. Dodge, chairman; F. W. Rhinelander, Cornelius Vanderbilt, William L. Andrews, D. O. Mills, Salem H. Wales, Samuel P. Avery, James A. Garland and Charles Stewart Smith. tuyvesant, William E. Dodge and Joseph H. Choate were elected to the Board of Trustees, their terms to expire in February, 1906. The Auditing Committee for 1896 is made up of John Croeby Brown, chal-man; John Bigelow and Rutherford

The reports for 1897 were presented. The treas-Stuyvesant. urer's report shows the receipts for administration to have been \$135,570 38, and the expenses of administration, \$135,714 22. The Finance Committee's re-port gives the total of credits for the sixteen funds

of the museum as \$530,293 74. of the museum as \$555,753 ft.

The trustees report tells of the growth and needs of the museum. In the last year the number of visitors was \$555,769, an increase over the preceding year of 52,453. Owing to the occurrence of public year of 52,453. Owing to the occurrence of public holidays on Monday or Friday admission fees were charged on only ninety days of the year; the receipts from this source were 44,419 50. Permits to copy in the various departments were given to 242 persons. Numerous classes from out-of-town colleges and schools have been admitted free when arriving on pay days. There has been a marked increase in this class of visitors. The customary winter courses of lectures on art and archeology, given in co-operation with Columbia University, have become so popular and the attendance so large that the lecture-room can no longer accommodate all who desire to attend. It is proposed by the trustees to provide larger quarters in the new wing now under construction.

The report says that the department of paintings cannot, under the present conditions, continue to grow as rapidly as in the last ten years without a permanent liberal endowment.

Since 1879 the trustees have expended over 20,000 from their own funds in making repairs to the research, which the Park Commissioners agreed to keep in repair, and they will insist upon the carrying out of this provision of the lease.

Among those who made gifts to the museum in 1886 were Henry G. Marquand, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. Montaignae, Charler F. McKim, George A. Hearn, Mrs. Amelia B. Lazarus, John D. Crimmins, Dr. J. Ackerman Coles, Chang Yen Hoon, Mrs. Evelyn A. Jaffray, Joseph Jefferson, A. S. Lacelles George A. Lucas, General Philip Schuyler, Henry Walters, Mrs. Rebecca Anna Goldsmith, Samuel P. Avery, Mrs. Samuel P. Avery, John Crosby Brown, Thomas Achelis and Henry Bedlow. holidays on Monday or Friday admission fees were

LAND GIVEN TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

JOHN R. VANDERVOORT GIVES TO THE ORGAN. IZATION A LARGE PLOT IN ST. NICHOLAS-

AVE.-NOT LIKELY TO BUILD. The title to a plot of ground, 300 by 300 feet, at the northeast corner of St. Nicholas-ave and One-hundred-and-sixtleth-st., has been transferred to the Volunteers of America by John R. Vander-voort. W. J. Crafts, treasurer of the society, said yesterday that the land was a gift to the

which has appeared that the property was pur-chased for us for \$56,000," he said. "We do not chased for us for \$66,000," he said. "We do not know its value. Mr. Vandervoort called here a few months ago and informed us that he wished to make the Volunteers of America a present in the shape of a piece of property. We signified our willingness to accept, and the deed was recorded on Saturday by our attorneys, R. E. & A. J. Prime. That is all we know about it.

"We have no policy with regard to the property. We will certainly not build on it, as a building would be an elephant on our hands at present. Our probable use of the property will be to realize on it, in order to help carry on our work."

HIGHWAYS INSPECTORS APPOINTED. W. N. Shannon, Deputy Commissioner of High-ways, yesterday announced the appointment of several engineers, inspectors, foremen and laborers in the Borough of Queens, including the following: James Mulholland, chief inspector, salary \$1,800; Julius von Hunerbain, engineer, \$3,000 James H. Johnson, assistant engineer, \$1,000, and James M. Smith, chief clark, \$1,600.